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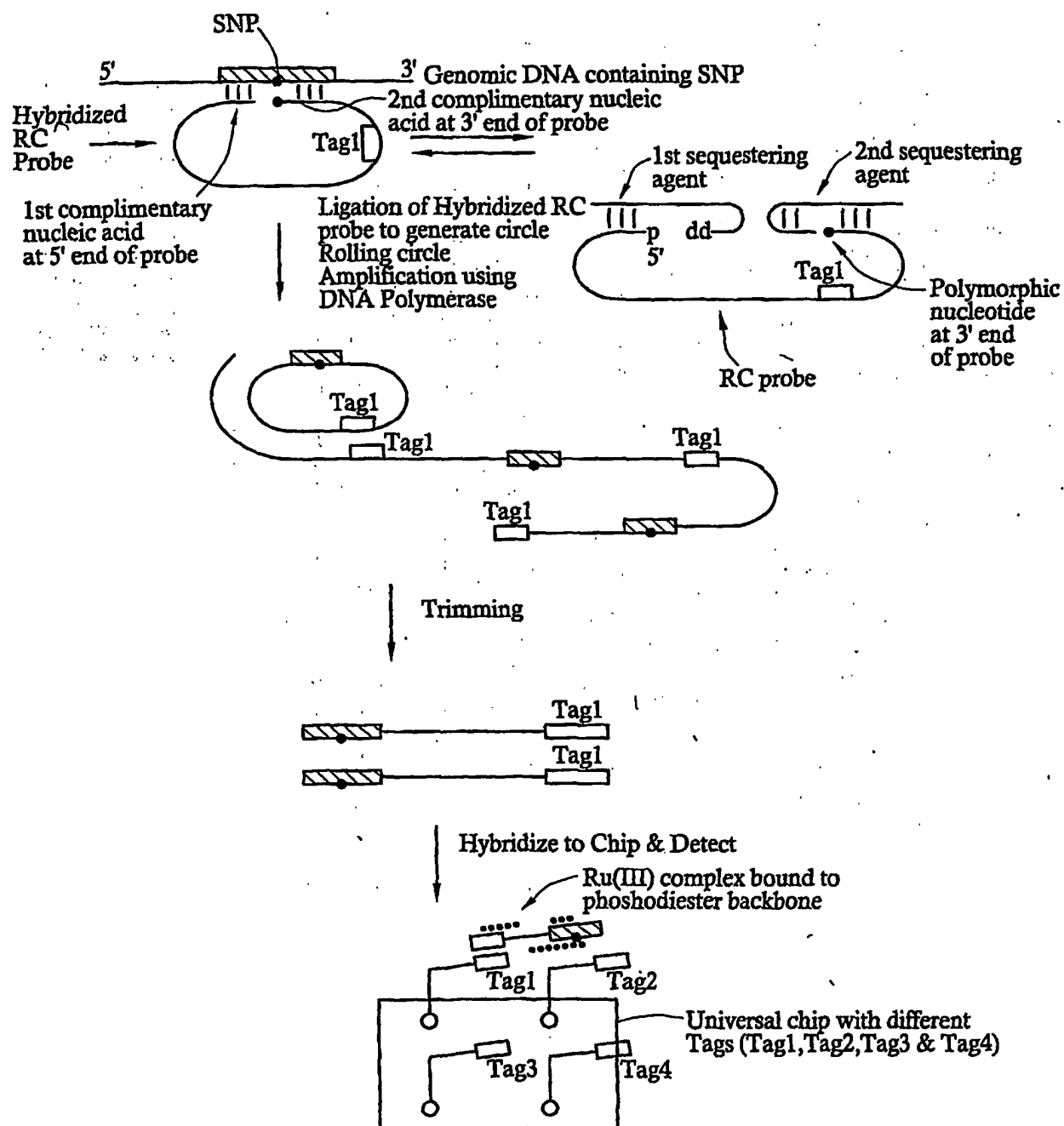


FIG. 1

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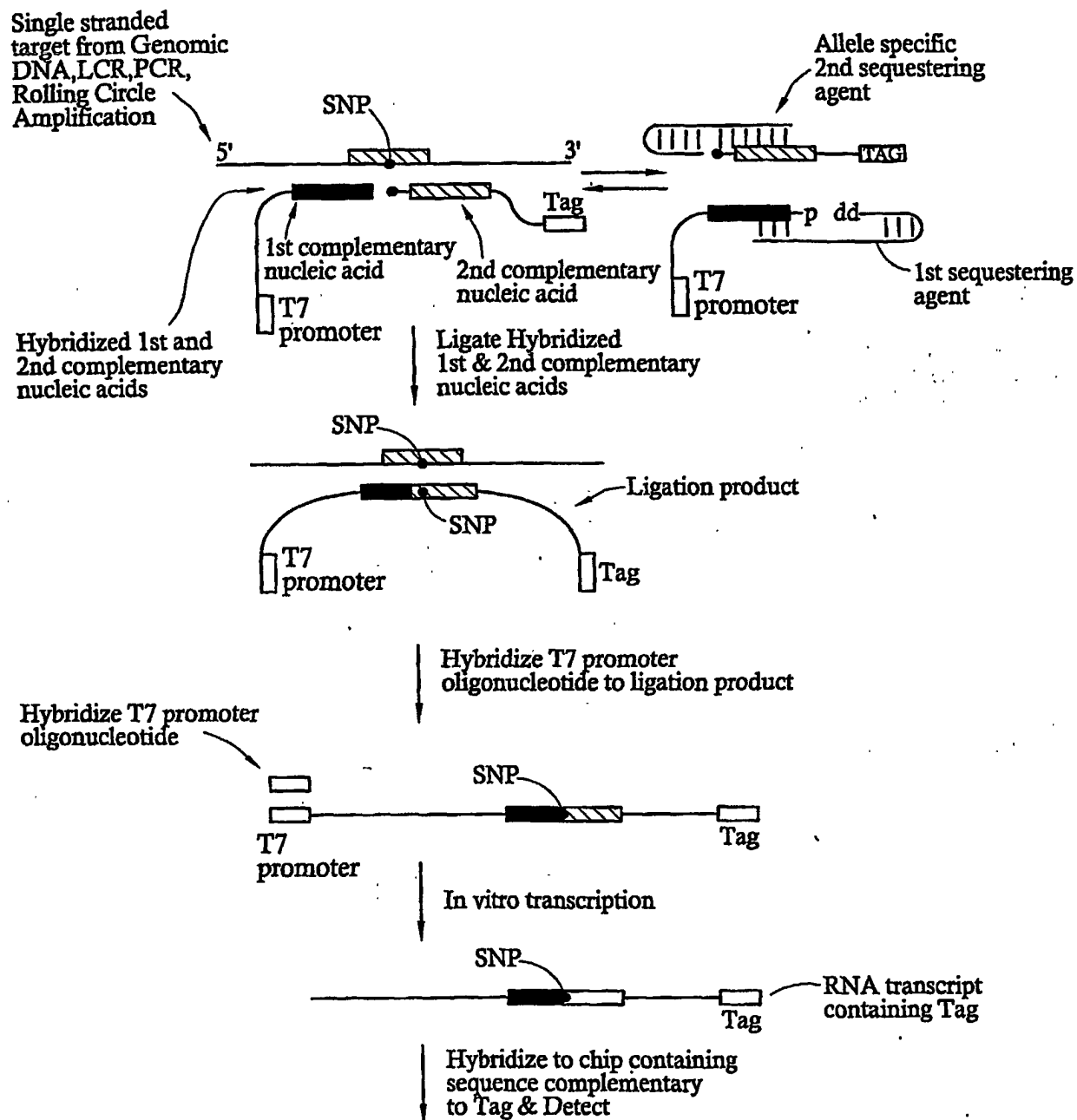


FIG. 2

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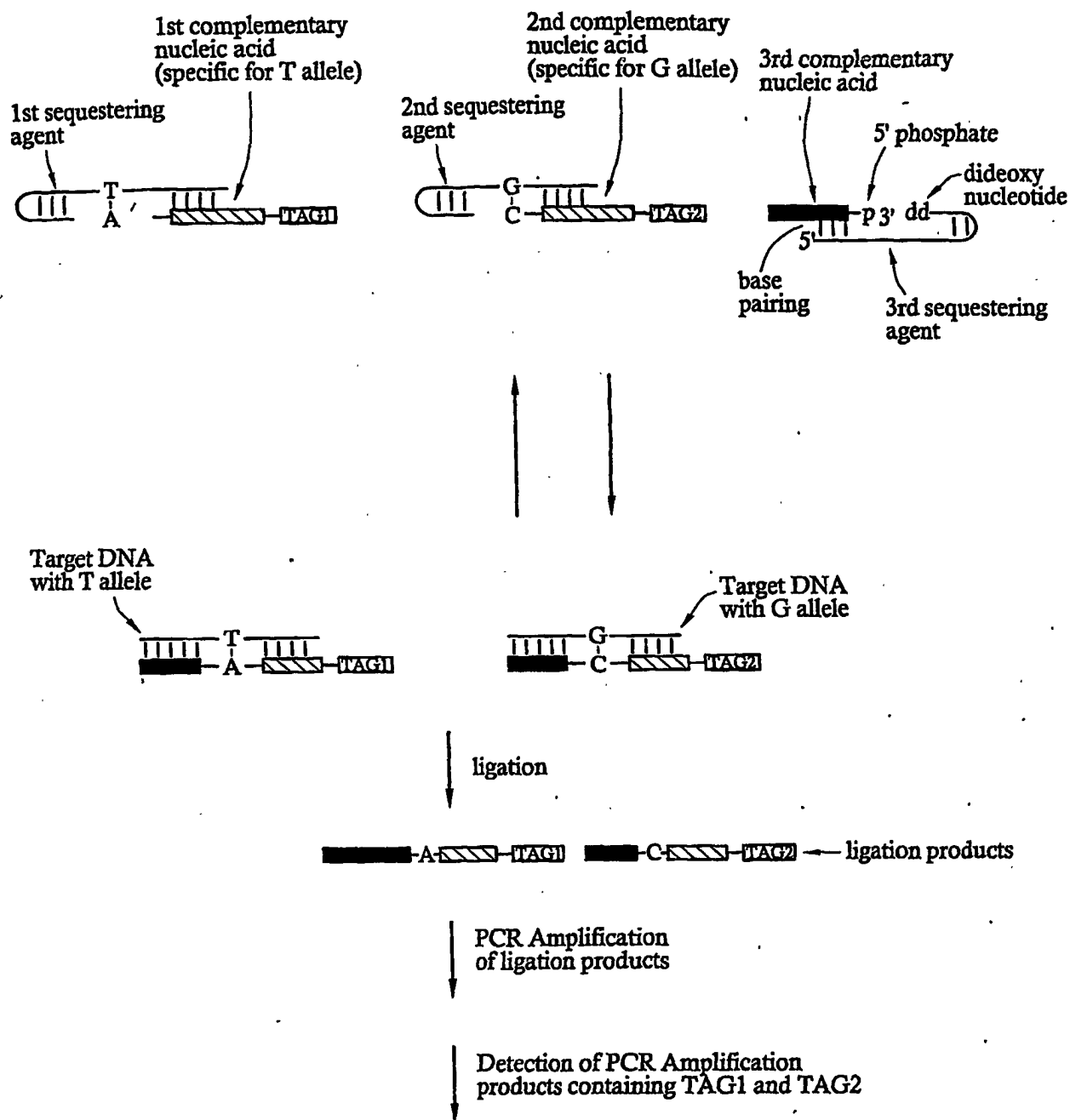


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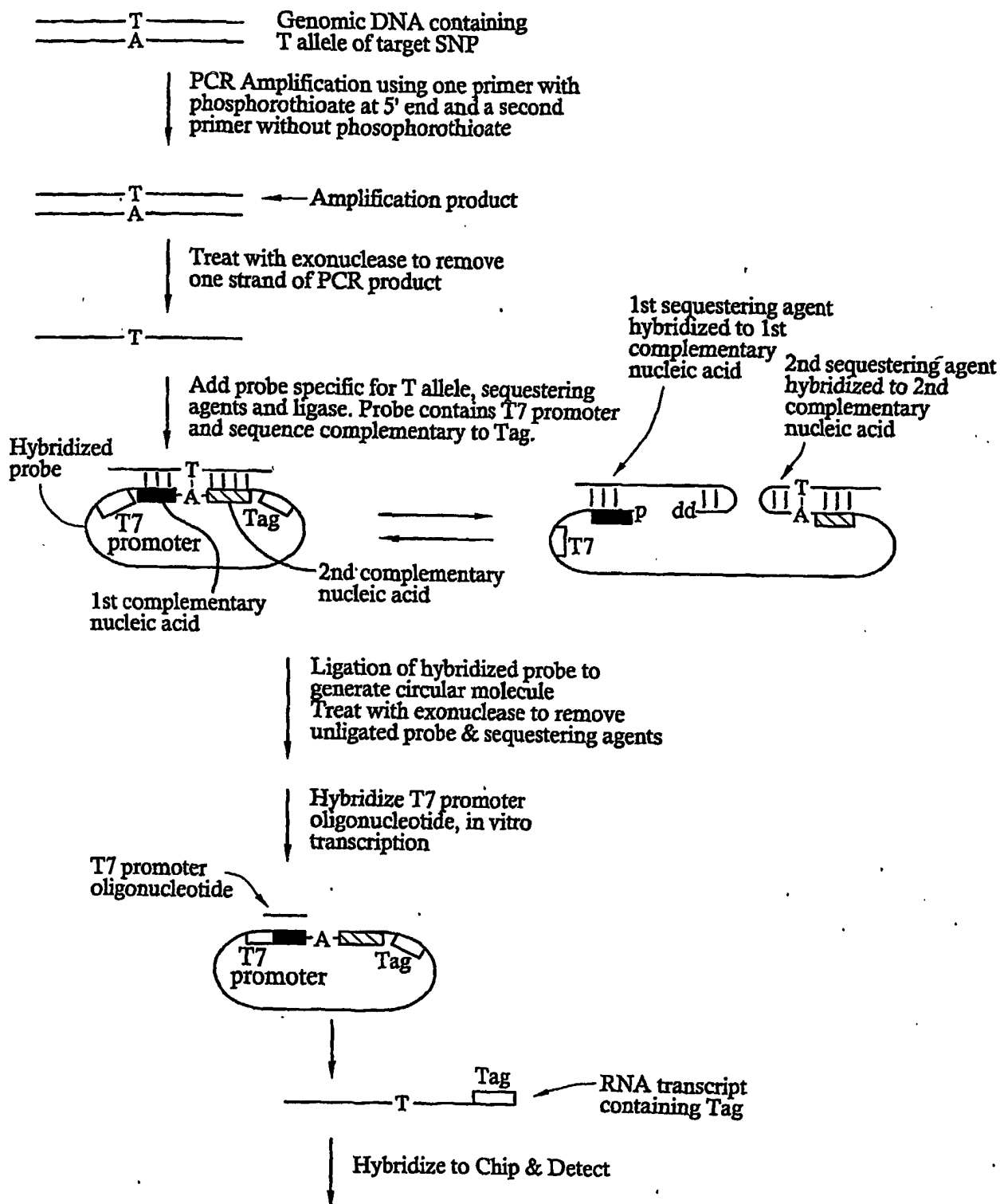


FIG. 4

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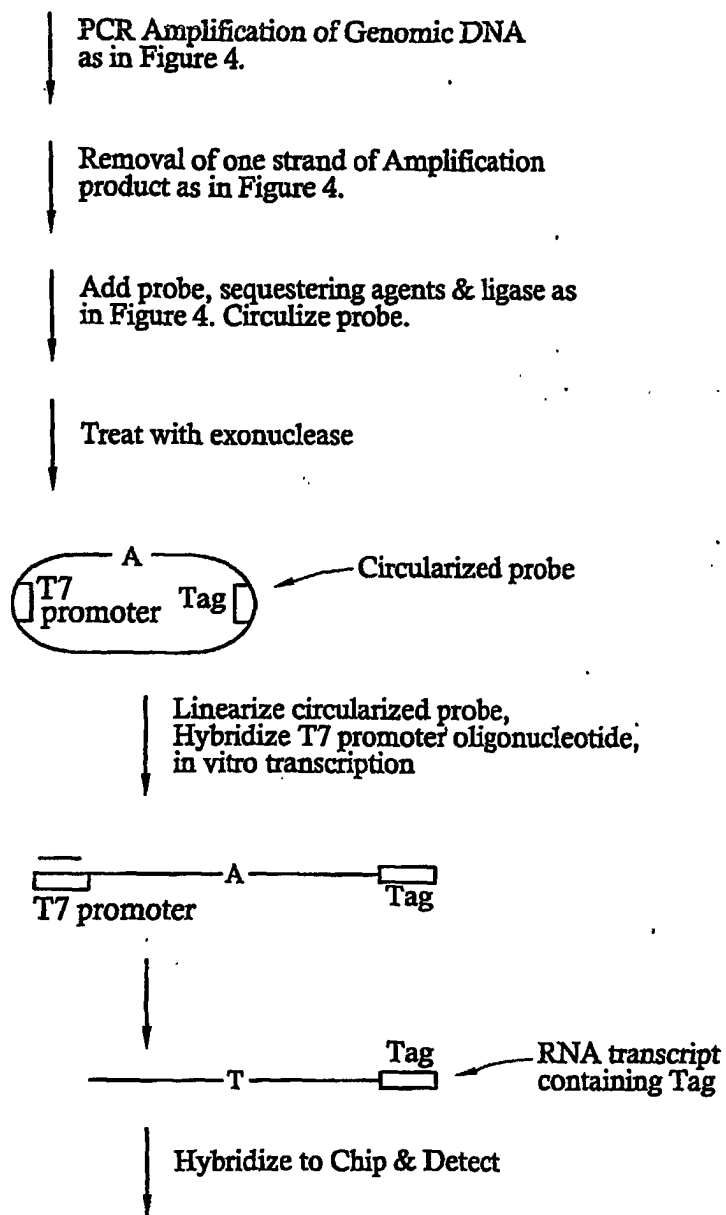


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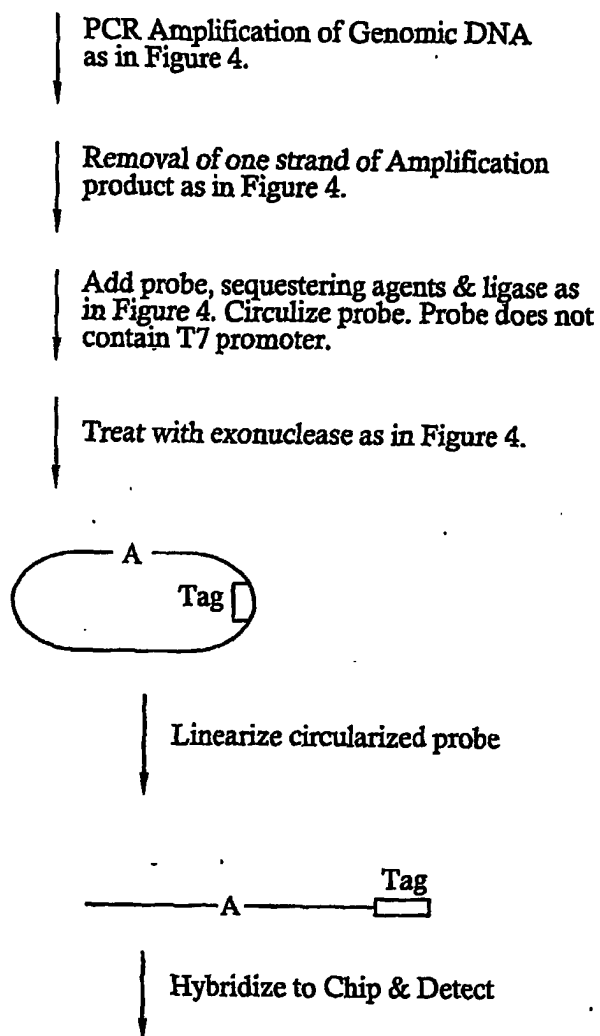


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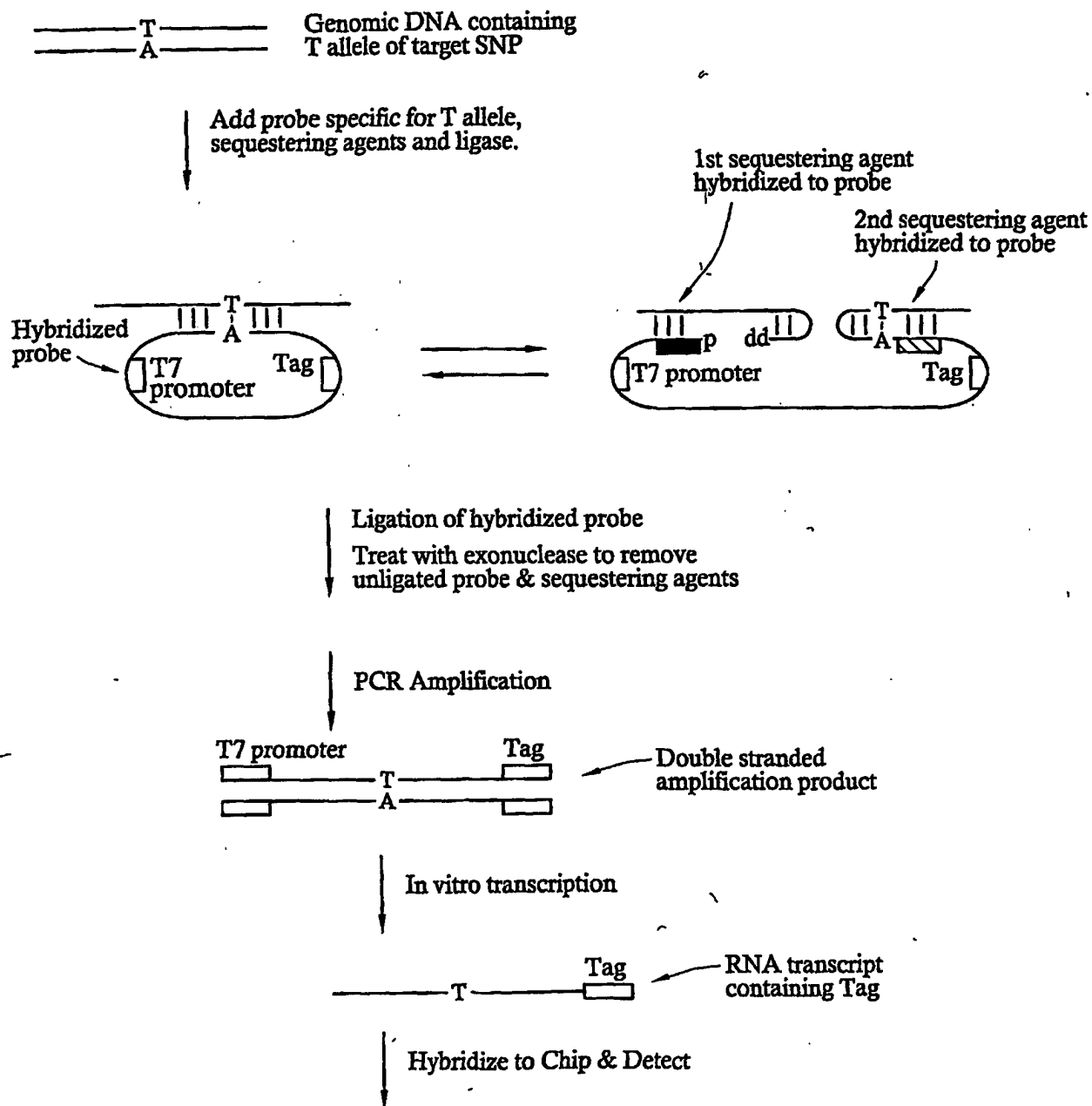


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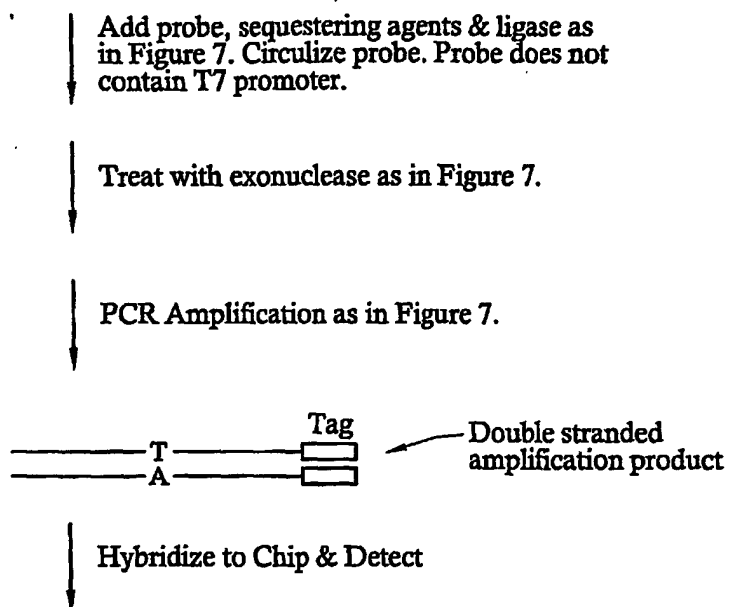


FIG. 8



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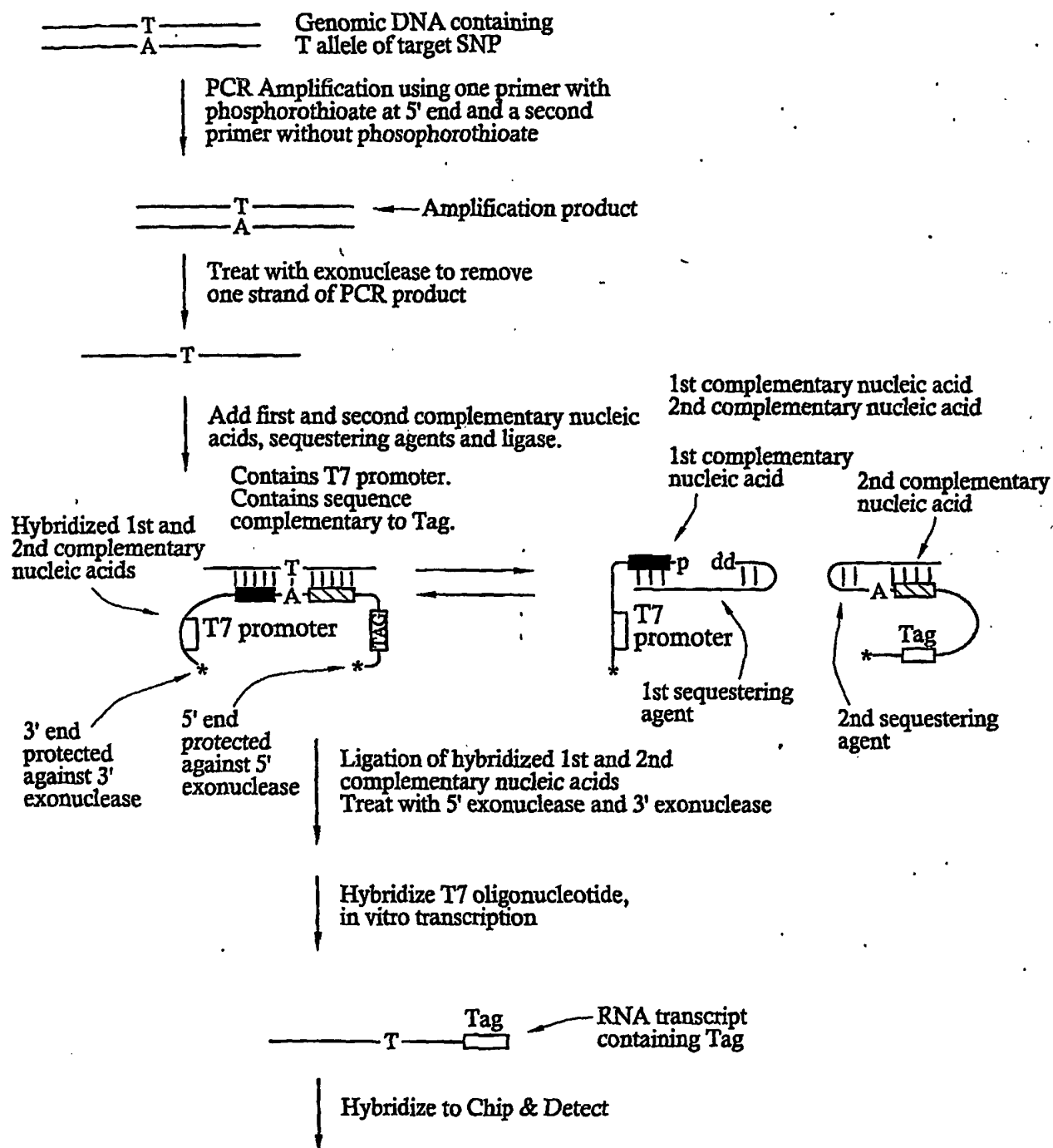


FIG. 9

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PCR Amplification using one primer with phosphorothioate at 5' end and a second primer without phosphorothioate as in Figure 9.

Treat with exonuclease to remove one strand of PCR product as in Figure 9.

Add first and second complementary nucleic acids, sequestering agents and ligase as in Figure 9. 1st complementary nucleic acid does not contain T7 promoter.

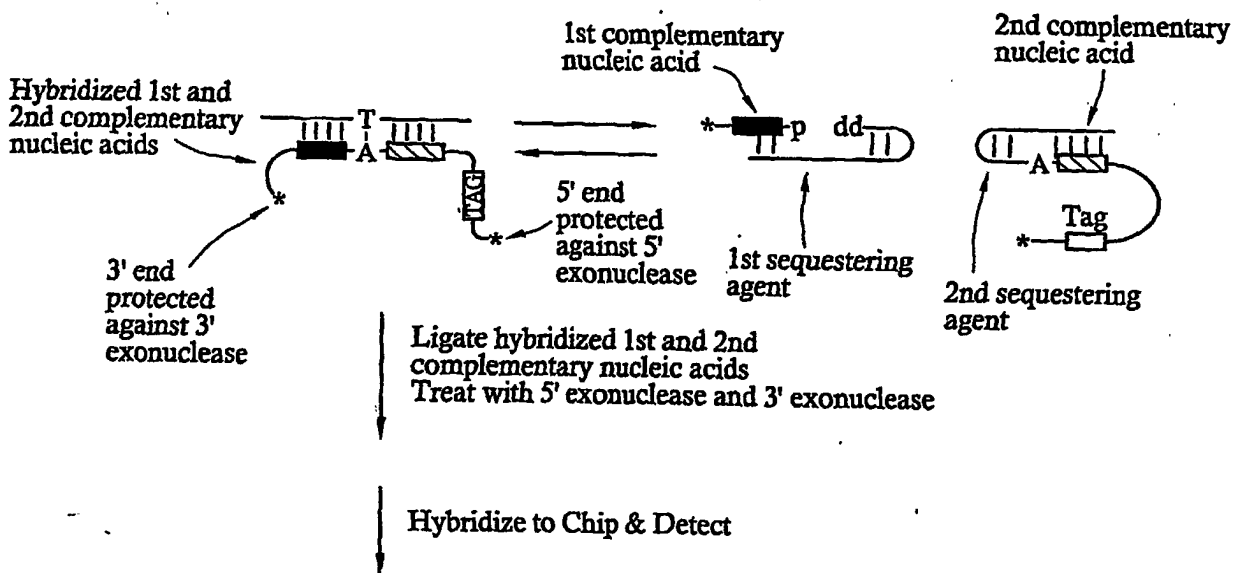


FIG. 10

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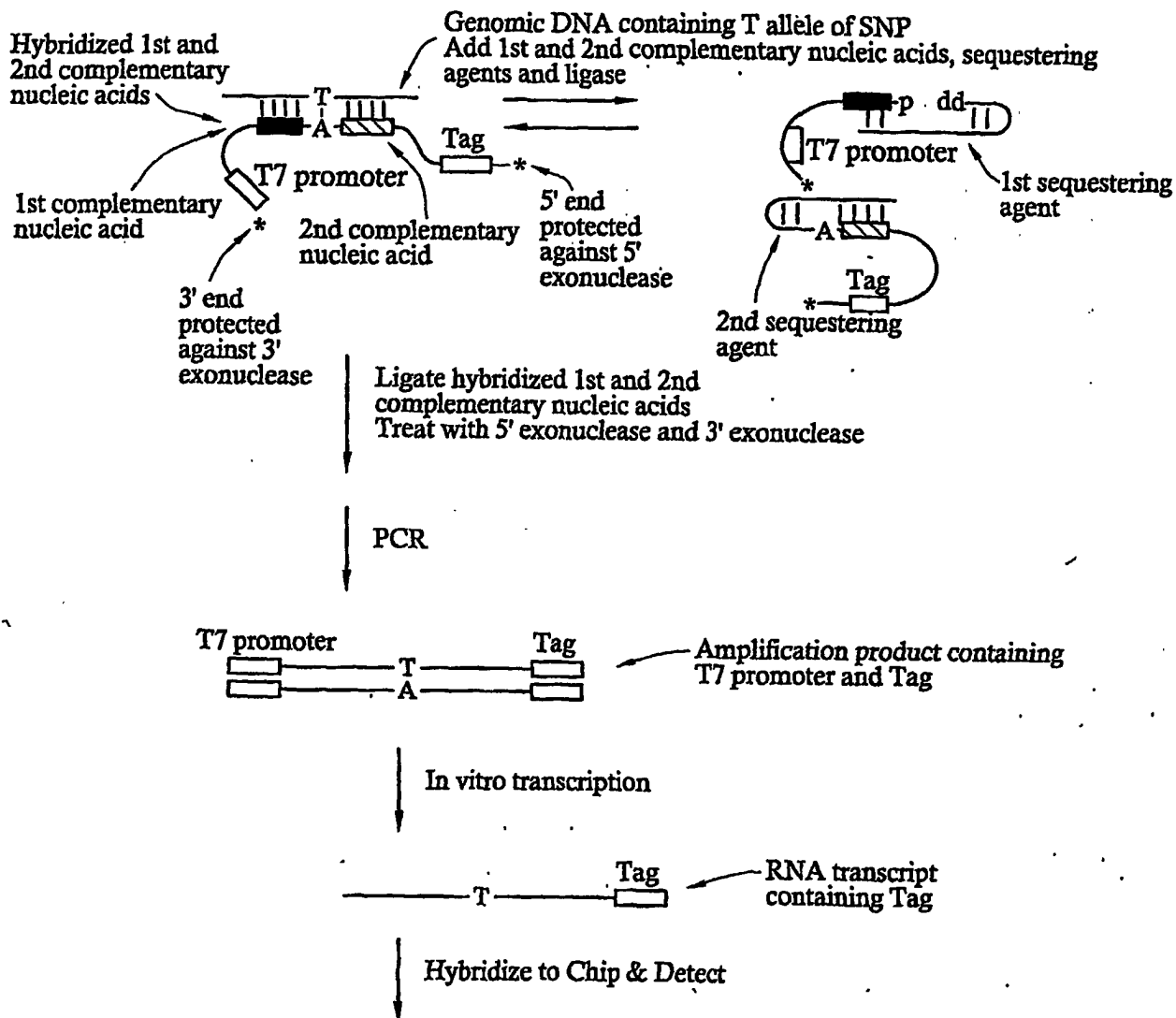


FIG. 11

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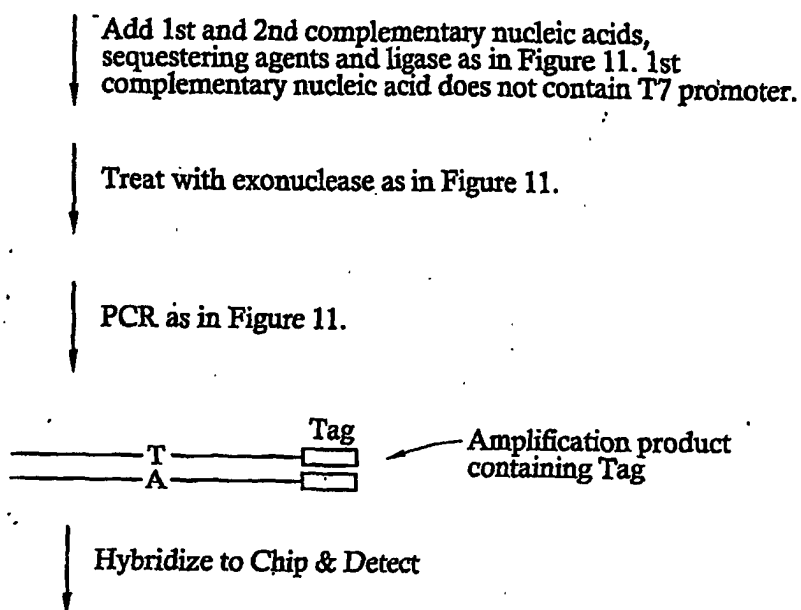


FIG. 12

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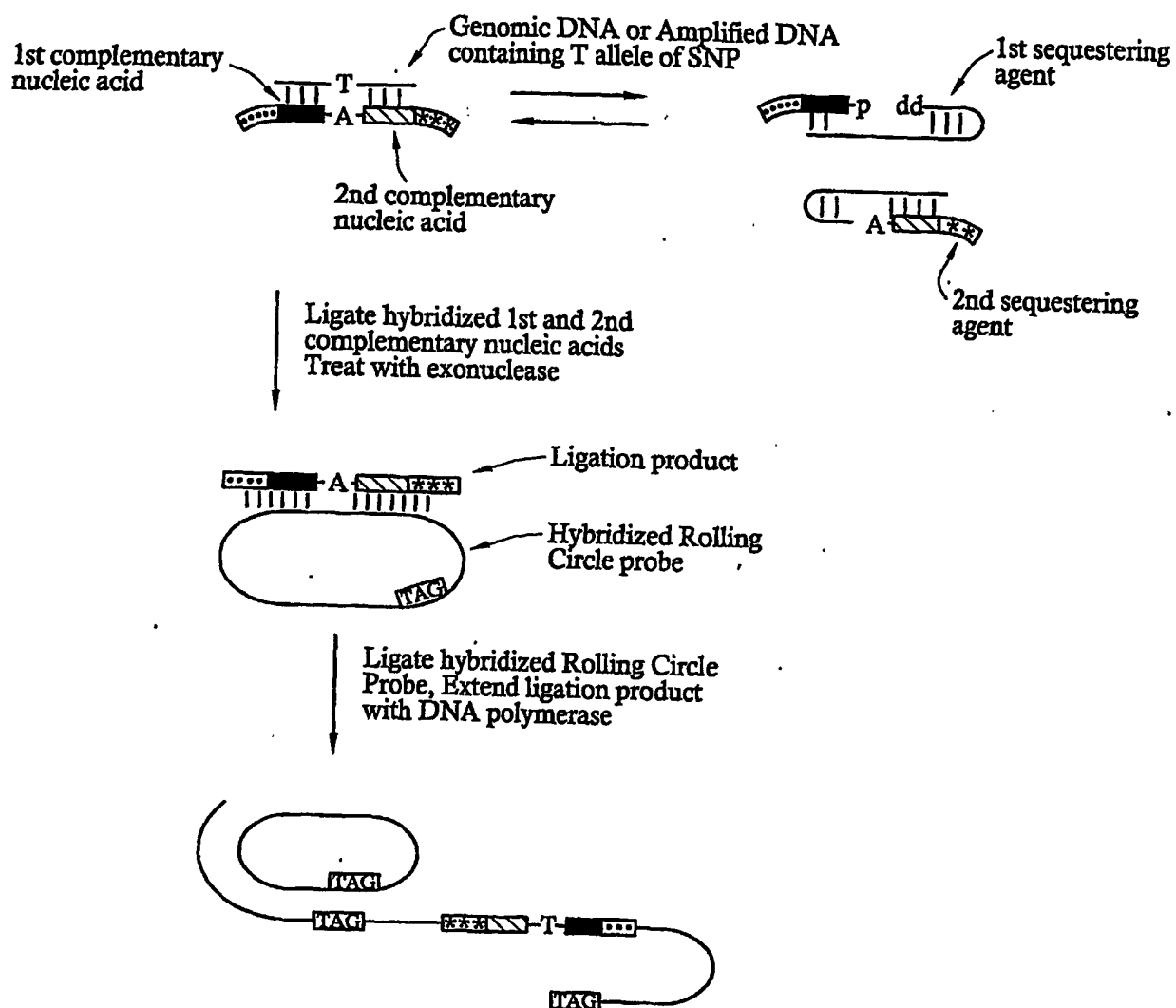


FIG. 13

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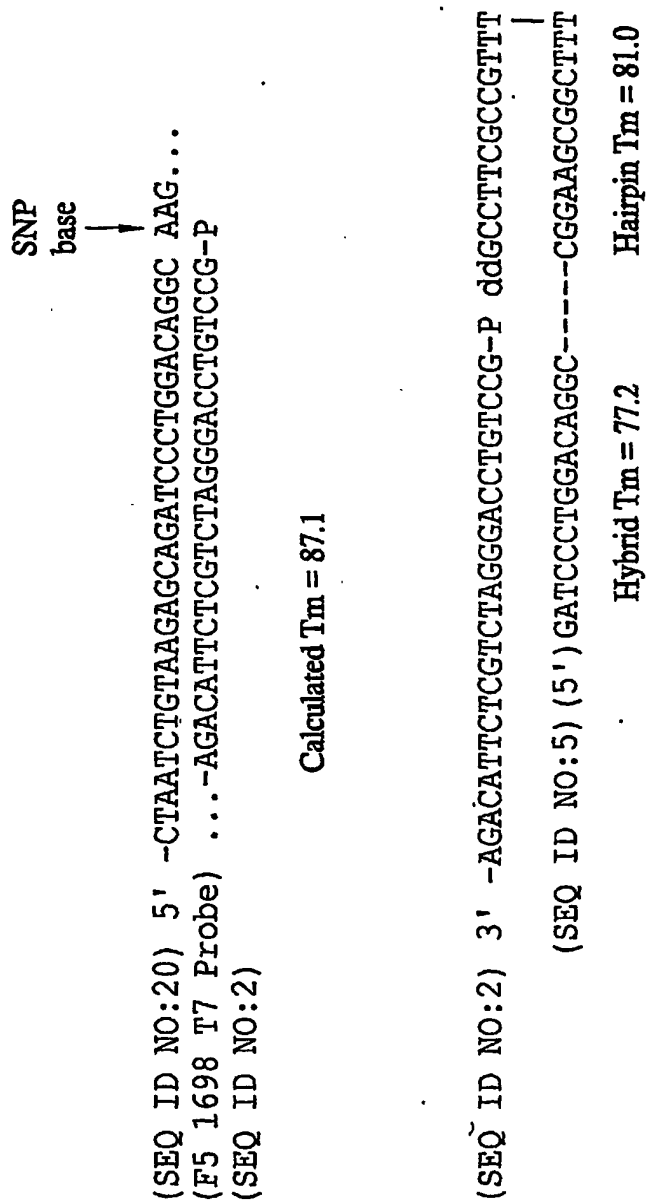


Illustration of a suppressor of non-specific ligation:  
 Sequestering agent for the 5'-side ligation probe  
 for Factor V

FIG. 14

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SNP  
base  
↓  
5' -AAGGAATACAGGTATTTGTCC-3' ... (SEQ ID NO:2)  
(F5 1698 Tag Probe) ...OH-TTCCTTATGTCCATAAAACAGG (SEQ ID NO:3)

Calculated T<sub>m</sub> = 75.4

3' - TTTGCAGAGCCGTG-5' OH-TTCCTTATGTCCATAAAACAGG (SEQ ID NO:3)  
|  
TTTCGTCTCGGCAC-----AAGGAATACAGGT (SEQ ID NO:5)  
Hairpin T<sub>m</sub> = 81.0      Hybrid T<sub>m</sub> = 64.2

Illustration of a suppressor of non-specific ligation:  
Sequestering agent for the 3'-side ligation probe  
for Factor V

FIG. 15

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(SEQ ID NO:20) 5' -CTAATCTGTAAGACAGATCCCTGGACAGGC AAG...  
 (F5 1698 T7 Probe)... - TAGGGACCTGTCCG-P-5'  
 (SEQ ID NO:22)

SNP  
 base  
 ↓

Calculated T<sub>m</sub> = 75.4

(SEQ ID NO:22) 3' -TAGGGACCTGTCCG-P DD-GCCTTCGCCGTTT  
 (SEQ ID NO:23) (5') CCTGGACAGGC-----CGGAAGCGGCTTT

Hybrid T<sub>m</sub> = 67.7      Hairpin T<sub>m</sub> = 81.0

Illustration of a suppressor of non-specific ligation:  
 Sequestering agent for the 5'-side ligation probe  
 for Factor V

FIG. 16A



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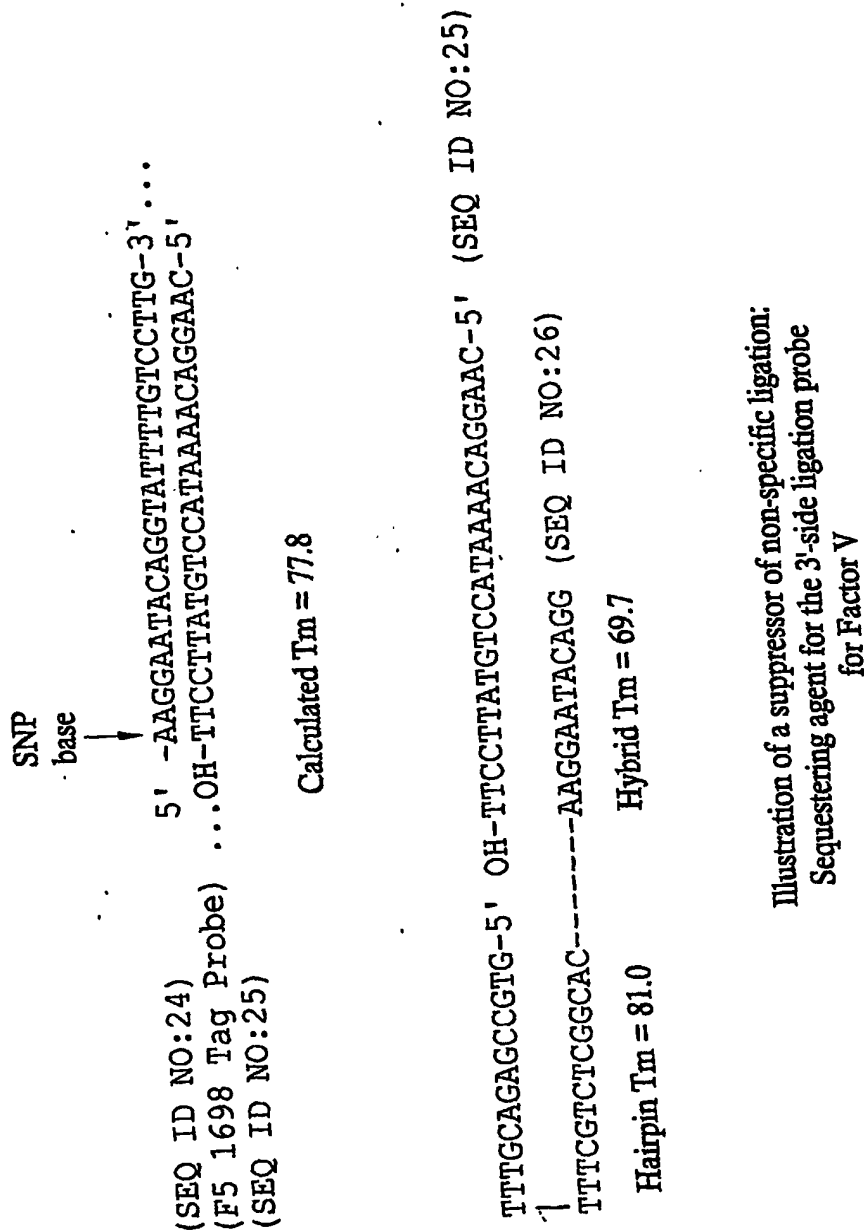


FIG. 16B